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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary of the Upcoming Week



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Monday

- Marginal risk of severe storms tonight over **S NM** into **Far West TX** and the **Big Bend**. Large hail is the primary hazard
- Heavy snow over the mountains of **New Mexico**. Difficult travel conditions over the high mountain passes.

Tuesday - Wednesday

- Winter weather impacts continue over **N NM** on Tuesday.
- Severe storms possible across parts of **SE NM** into parts of **TX/OK** Tuesday/Tuesday night shifting into **SE & E TX** and **LA/AR** on Wednesday.
- Heavy rain/isolated flash flooding possible Tuesday into early Wednesday across parts of **OK/TX** shifting into **ETX/LA/AR** Wednesday afternoon/evening.
- Strong winds across western half of **FEMA 6** on Wednesday

Thursday – Friday

- No significant weather impacts.

River Flooding

- Moderate to Major flooding will continue this week and into next week on the **Mississippi River** at many locations in **E AR/E LA**.
- The **MS Flooding** is slightly higher than **2016 & 1997**.
- Rainfall over the next 5 days may cause new minor river flooding across portions of **N** and **E TX** this week.

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Mar 11, 2019 – Mar 15, 2019



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DAY / THREAT	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Severe Storms	S NM/Far West TX Big Bend	SE NM/ West/Central TX	LA/AR/ SE & ETX		
		E NM/SW OK TX & OK Panhandles			
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding		W OK/Western N TX/ Eastern TX Panhandle	ETX LA/AR		
		TX & OK Panhandles W/Central TX			
Winter Weather	N NM	N NM			
Strong Winds			E NM/W TX/OK		
Fire Weather					
River Flooding	E AR/E LA	E AR/E LA	E AR/E LA	E AR/E LA	E AR/E LA
	N & ETX	N & ETX	N & ETX	N & ETX	N & ETX

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

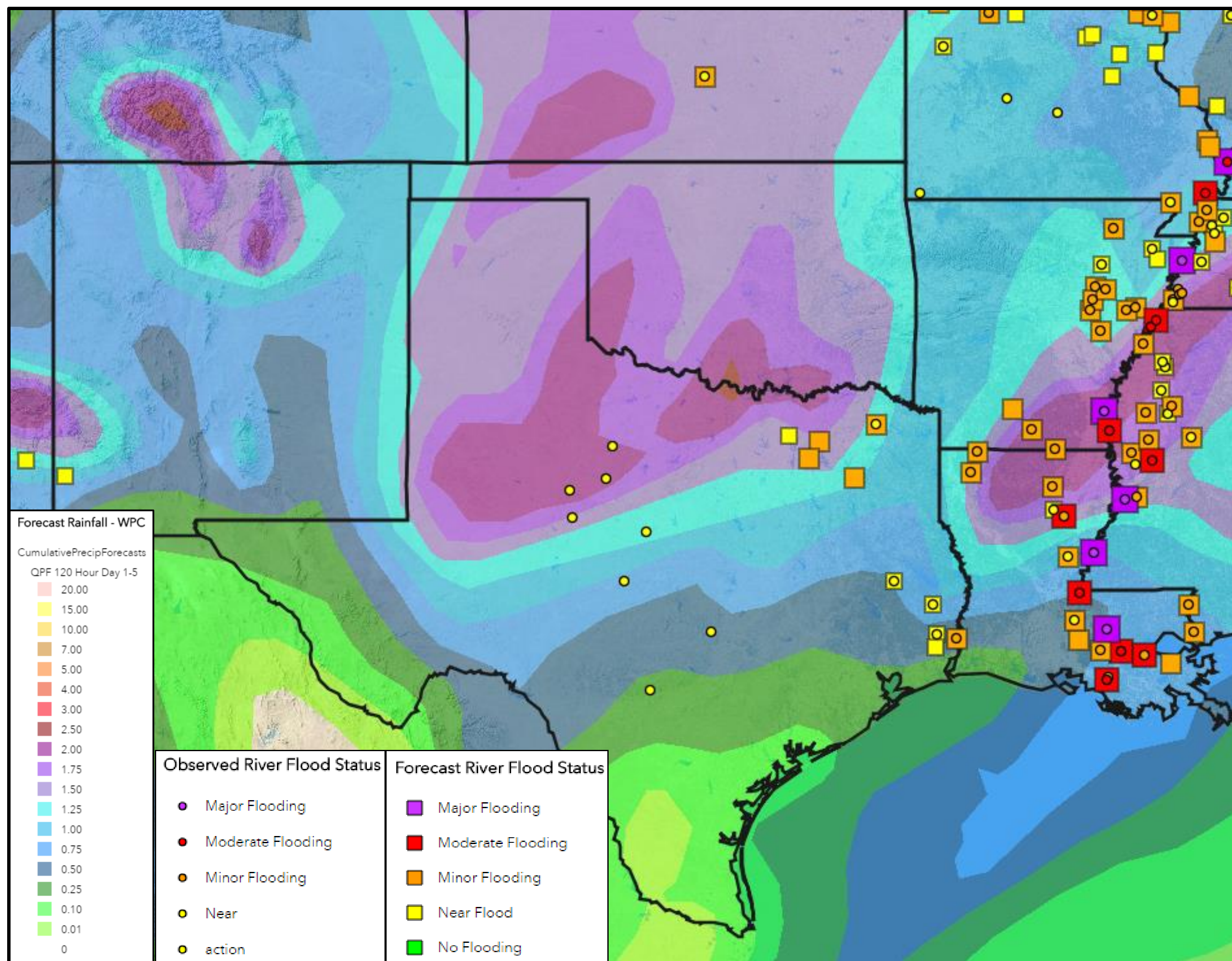
**Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria.
State or local threat level criteria may differ.*
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



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Arkansas

- All rivers have crested except the MS River.
- Mississippi River at Osceola, Tunica Riverpark, and near Arkansas City remain at major flood, but have all crested.
- Mississippi River near Greenville, MS is in moderate and is currently cresting right at the threshold for major flood stage.

Louisiana

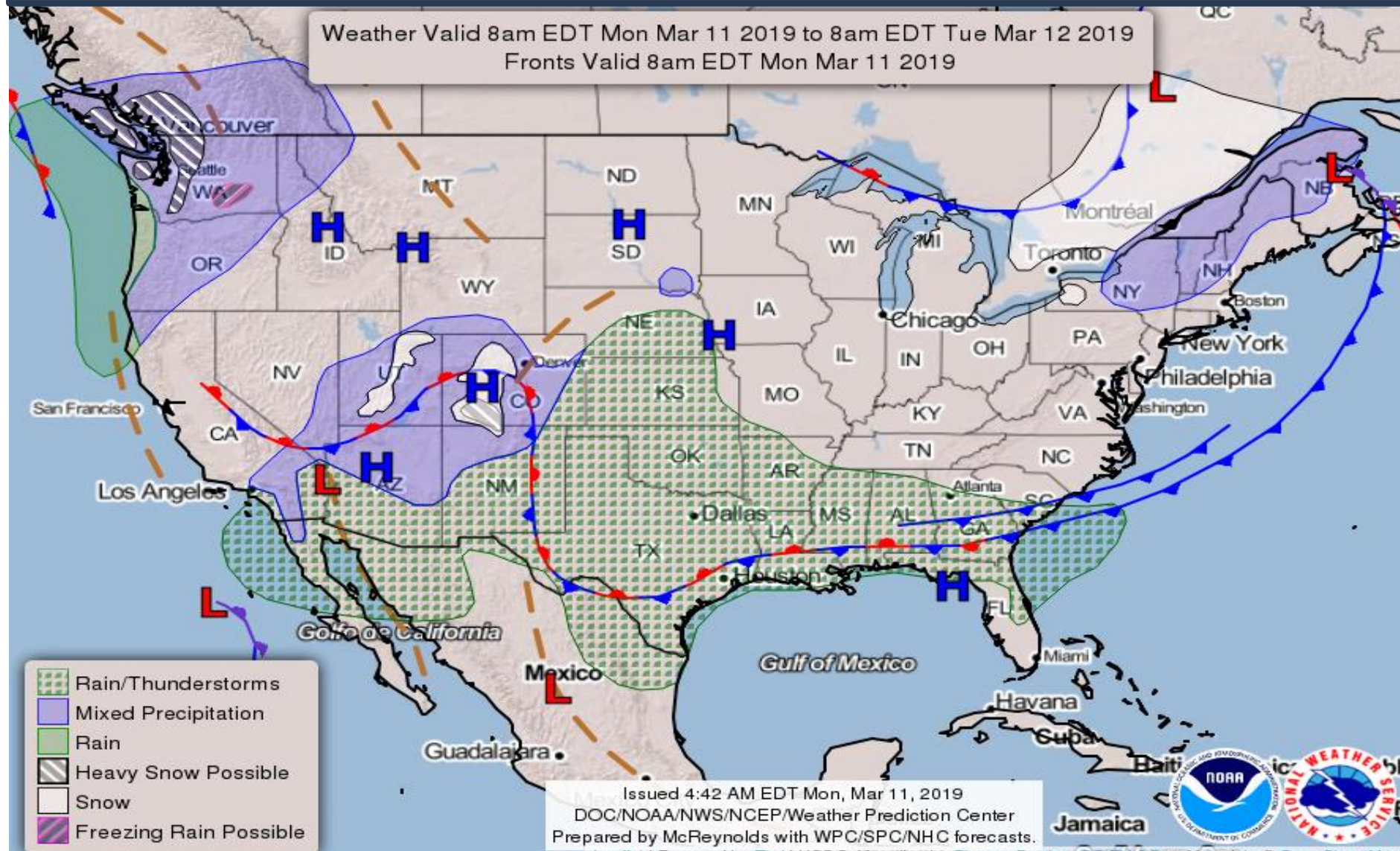
- MS River at Baton Rouge is at Major flood and rising. Shipping and industrial activities are significantly affected. The city of Baton Rouge is protected by levees at the currently forecast levels.
- MS River at Vicksburg and Natchez are at major flood stage with homes and roads impacted.

Today's Weather

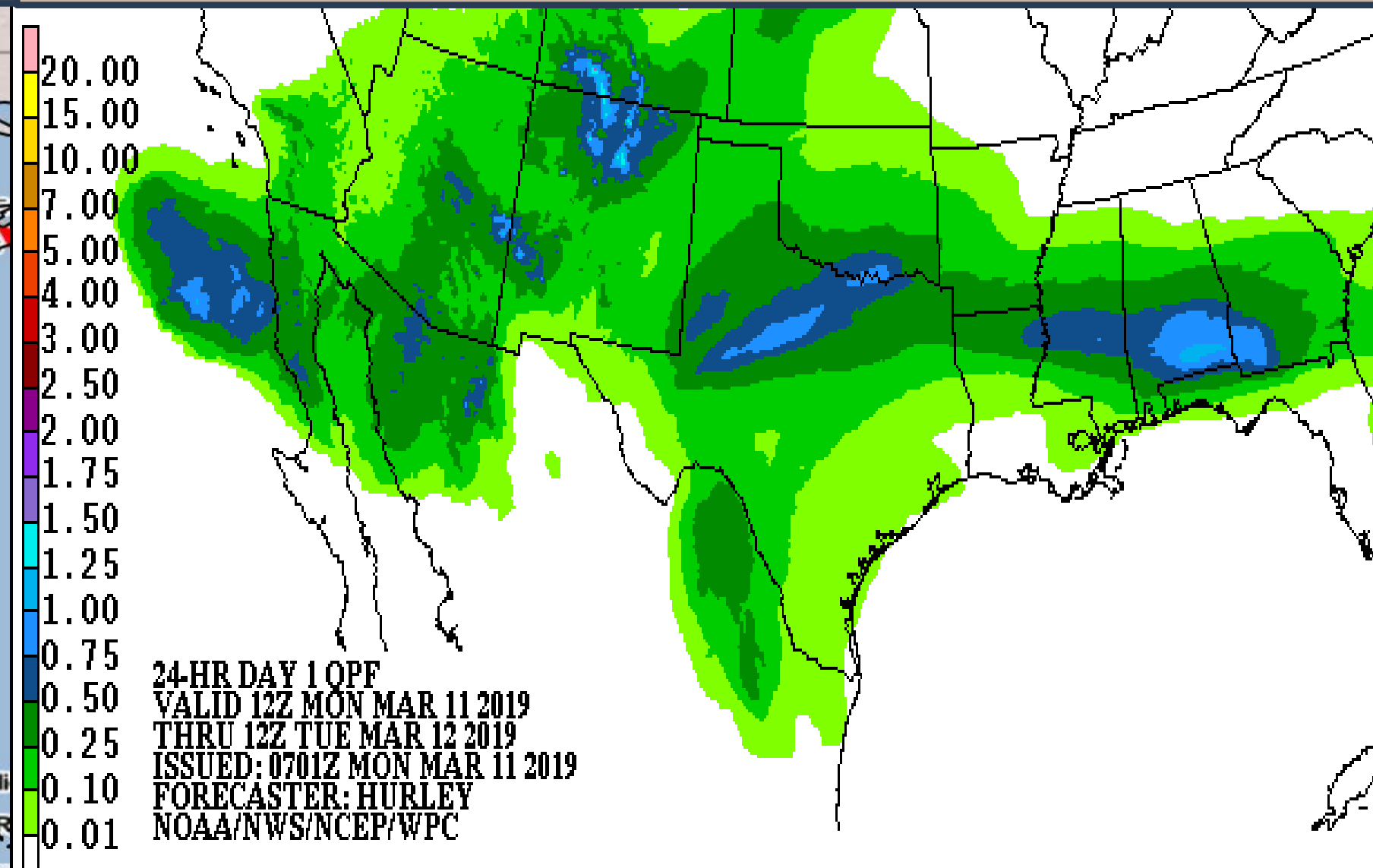


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Forecast Chart



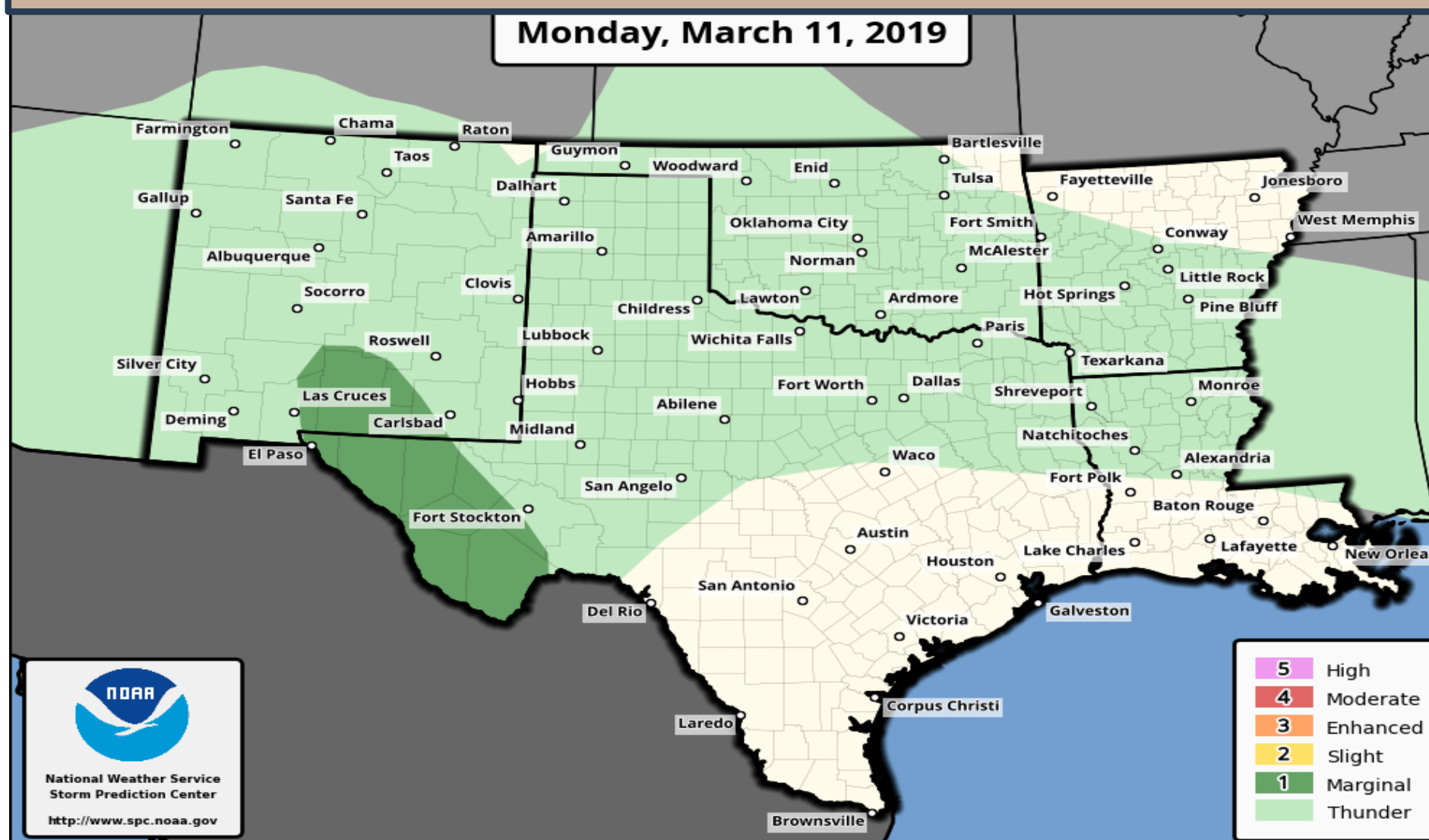
Forecast Rainfall



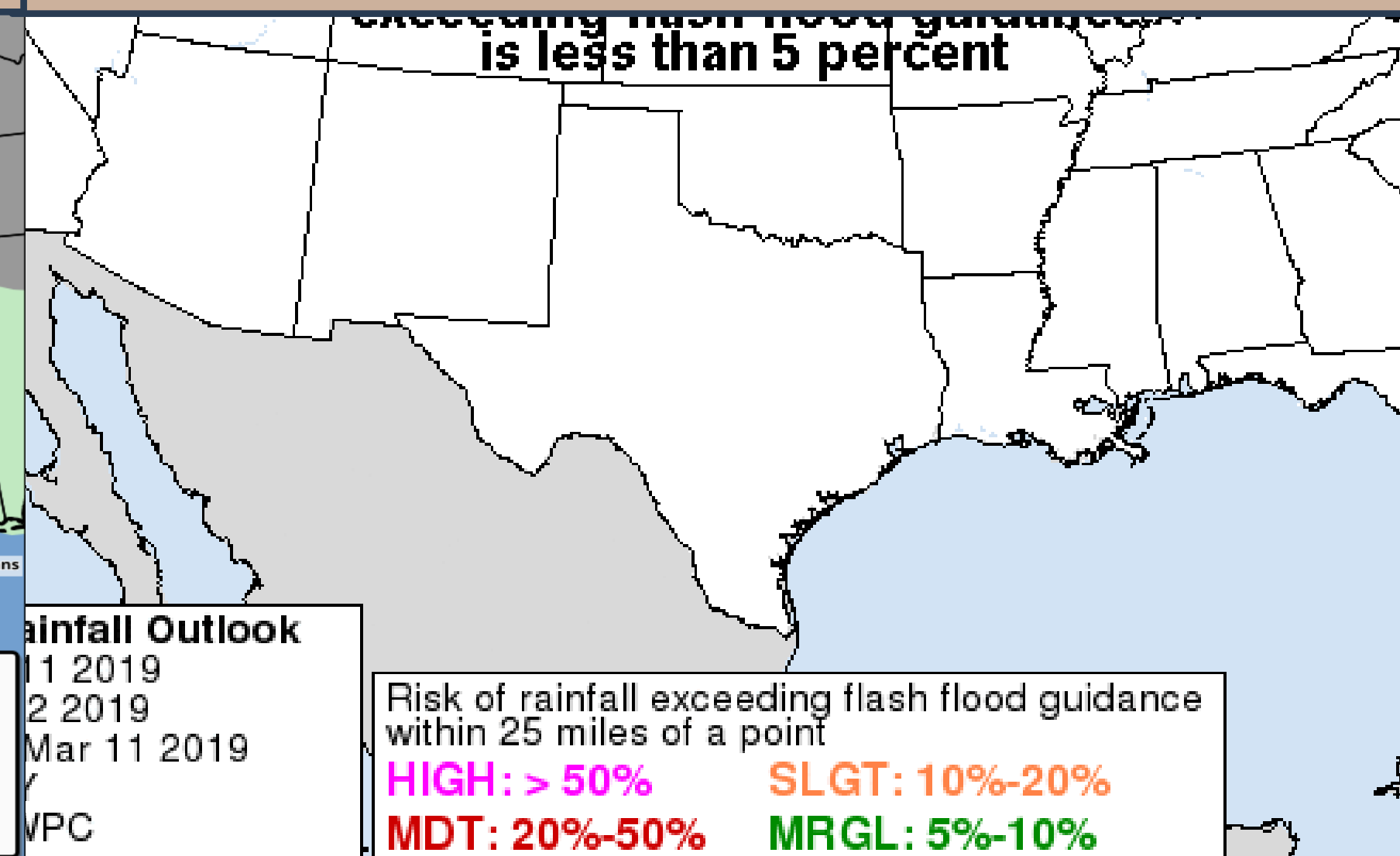
Marginal risk of severe storms S NM into Far West Texas and the Big Bend Monday night. Large hail main threat

Heavy snow over the higher terrain of N NM.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Watches, Warnings, and Advisories



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Fire Weather



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Severe Weather & Flooding

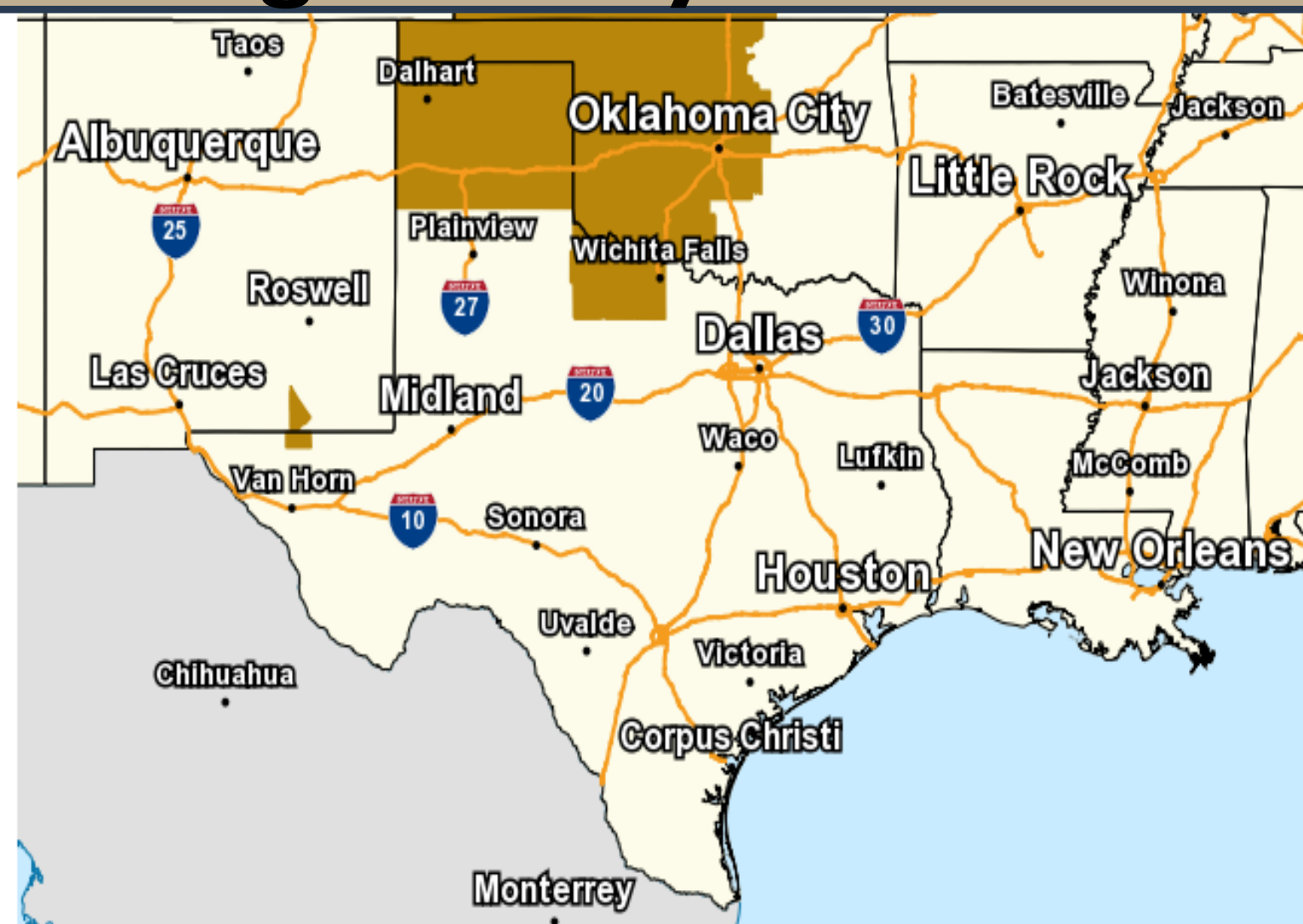


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High wind watches over TX & OK Panhandles and western half of OK

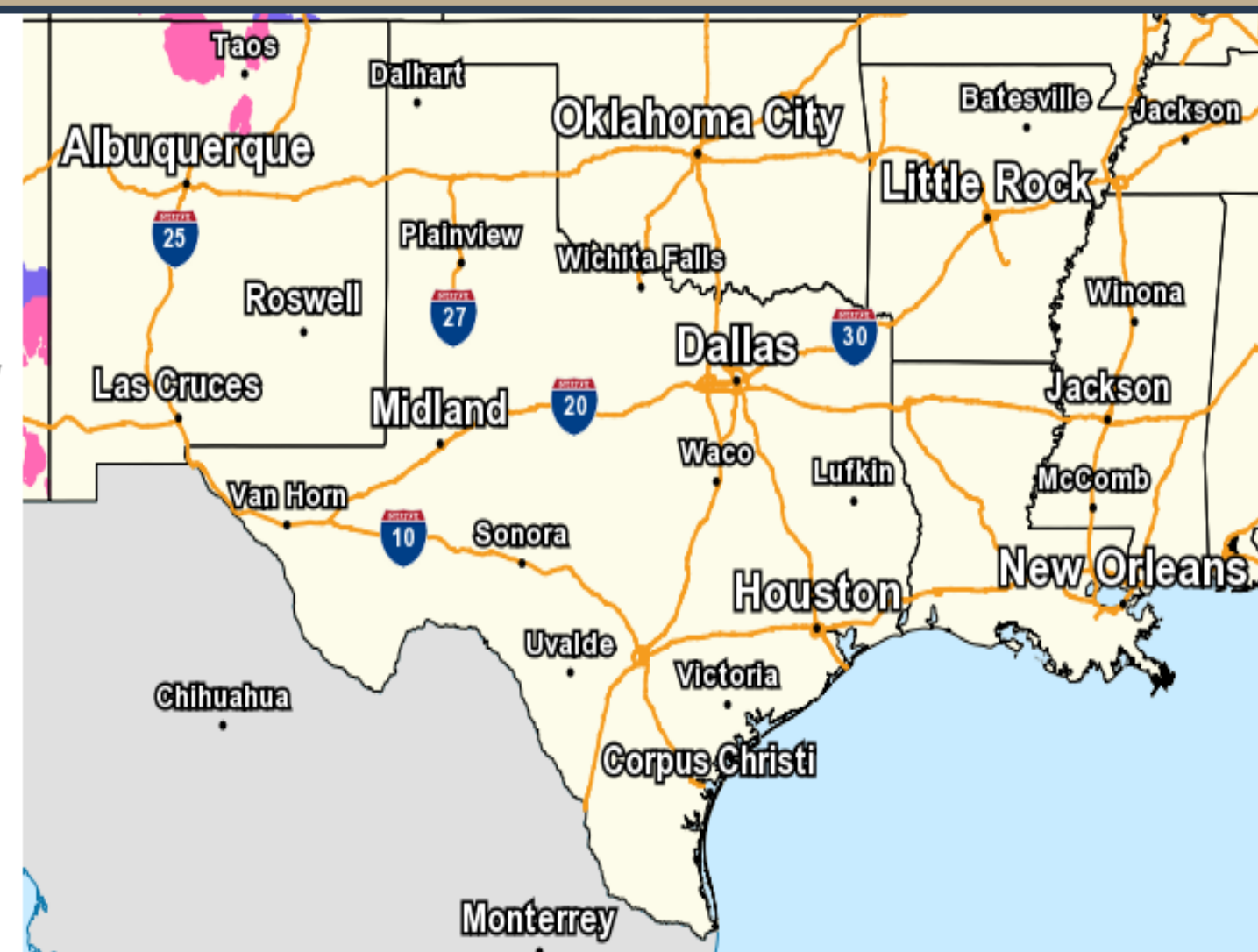
Winter storm warning over the higher terrain of NM

Strong & Gusty Winds



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Winter Weather



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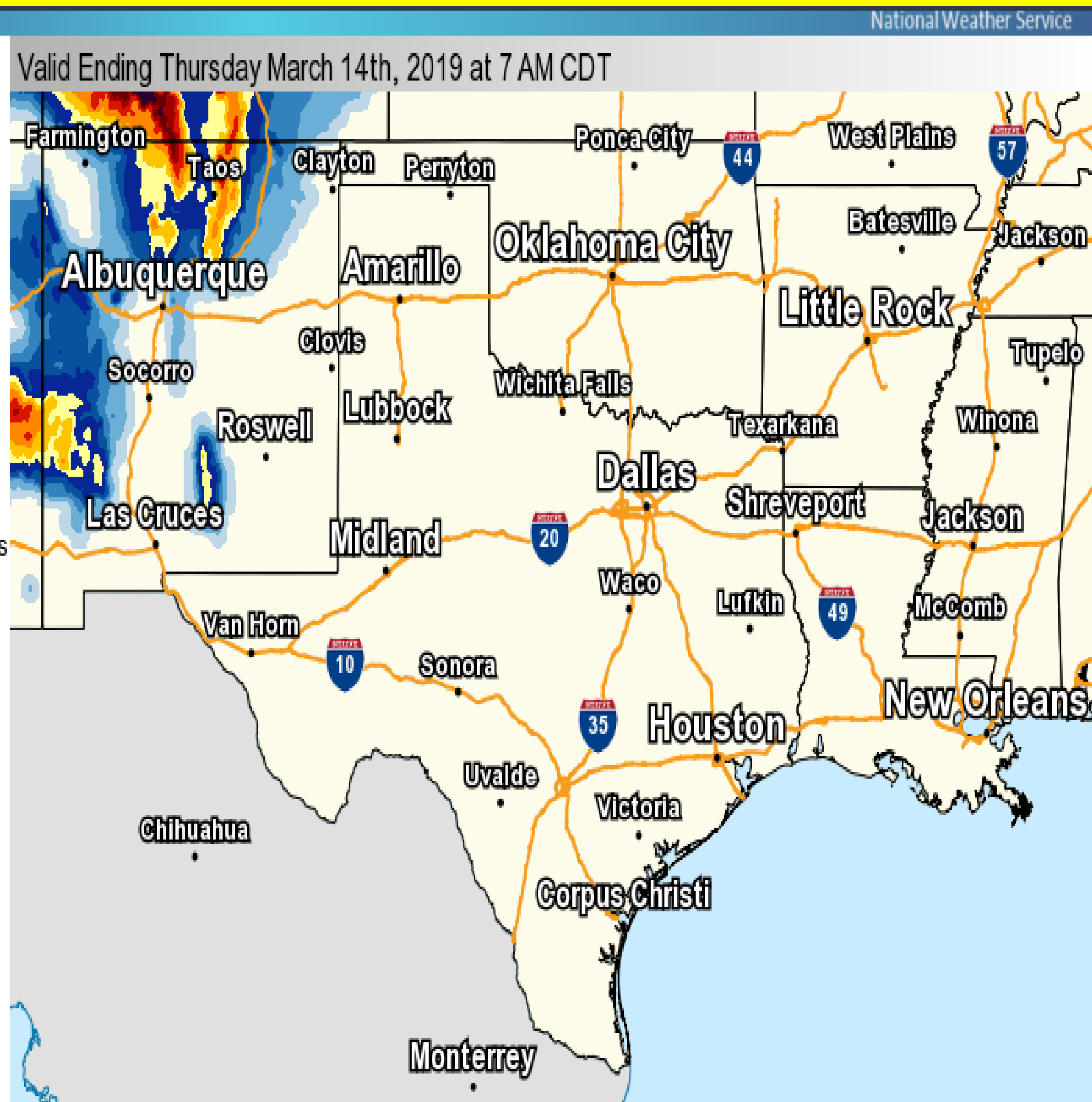
Winter Weather

Note: Snow and Ice Accumulations Days 1 through 3

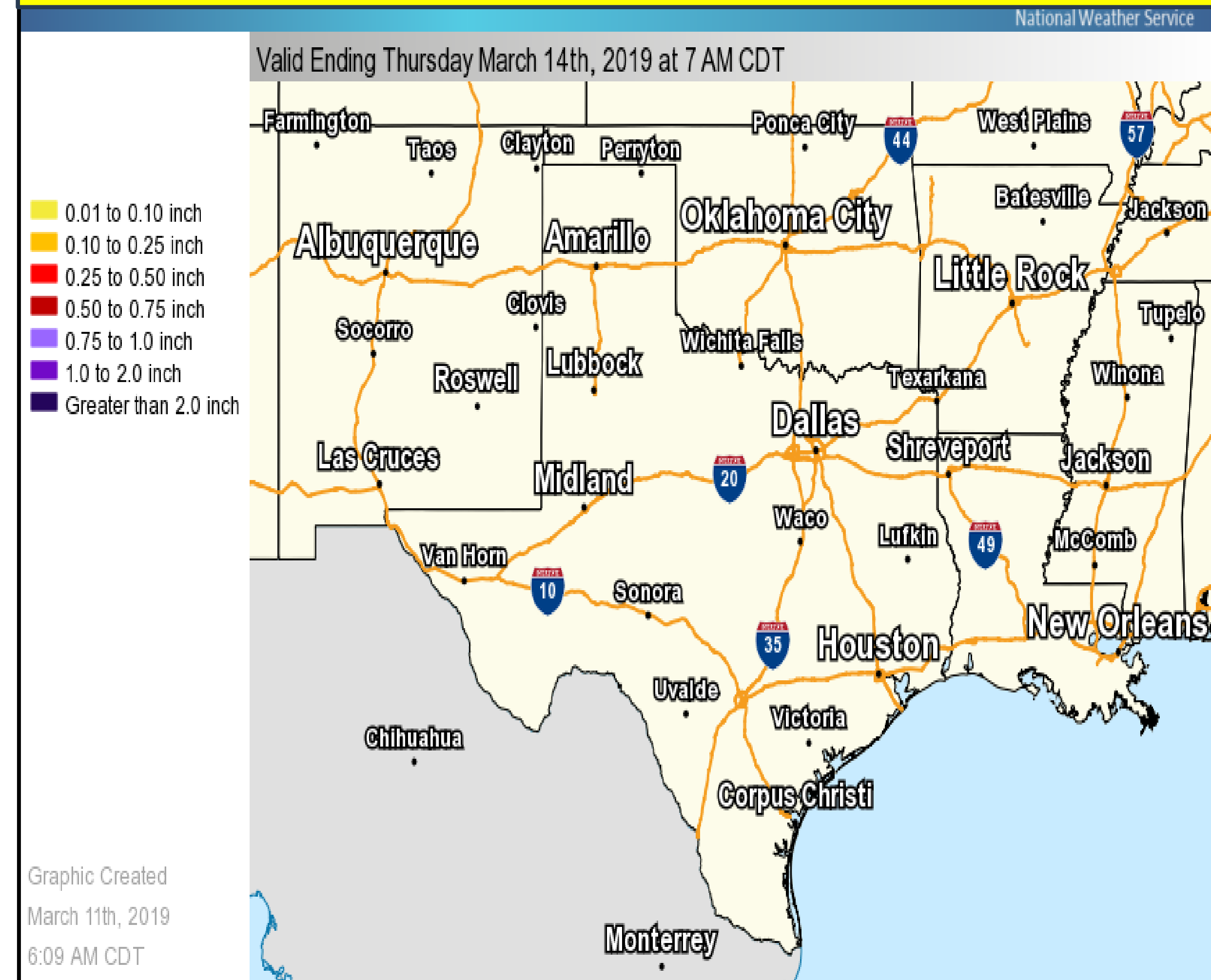


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Forecast Snowfall Amounts



Forecast Ice Amounts



Tomorrow's Weather



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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall

**Slight risk of severe storms
over SE NM, and west and
central TX.**

**Slight risk of heavy rainfall
and flash flooding over W OK,
western NTX, and eastern
TX Panhandle**

Snow over N NM continues.

Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Rainfall Outlook

2 2019
3 2019
Mar 11 2019

WPC

Risk of rainfall exceeding flash flood guidance
within 25 miles of a point

HIGH: > 50% **SLGT: 10%-20%**
MDT: 20%-50% **MRGL: 5%-10%**

Wednesday's Weather



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Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall

Strong to severe storms
possible over SE & E TX /
AR/LA

Heavy rain/isolated flash
flooding over far E TX and
AR/LA

Severe Weather Outlook

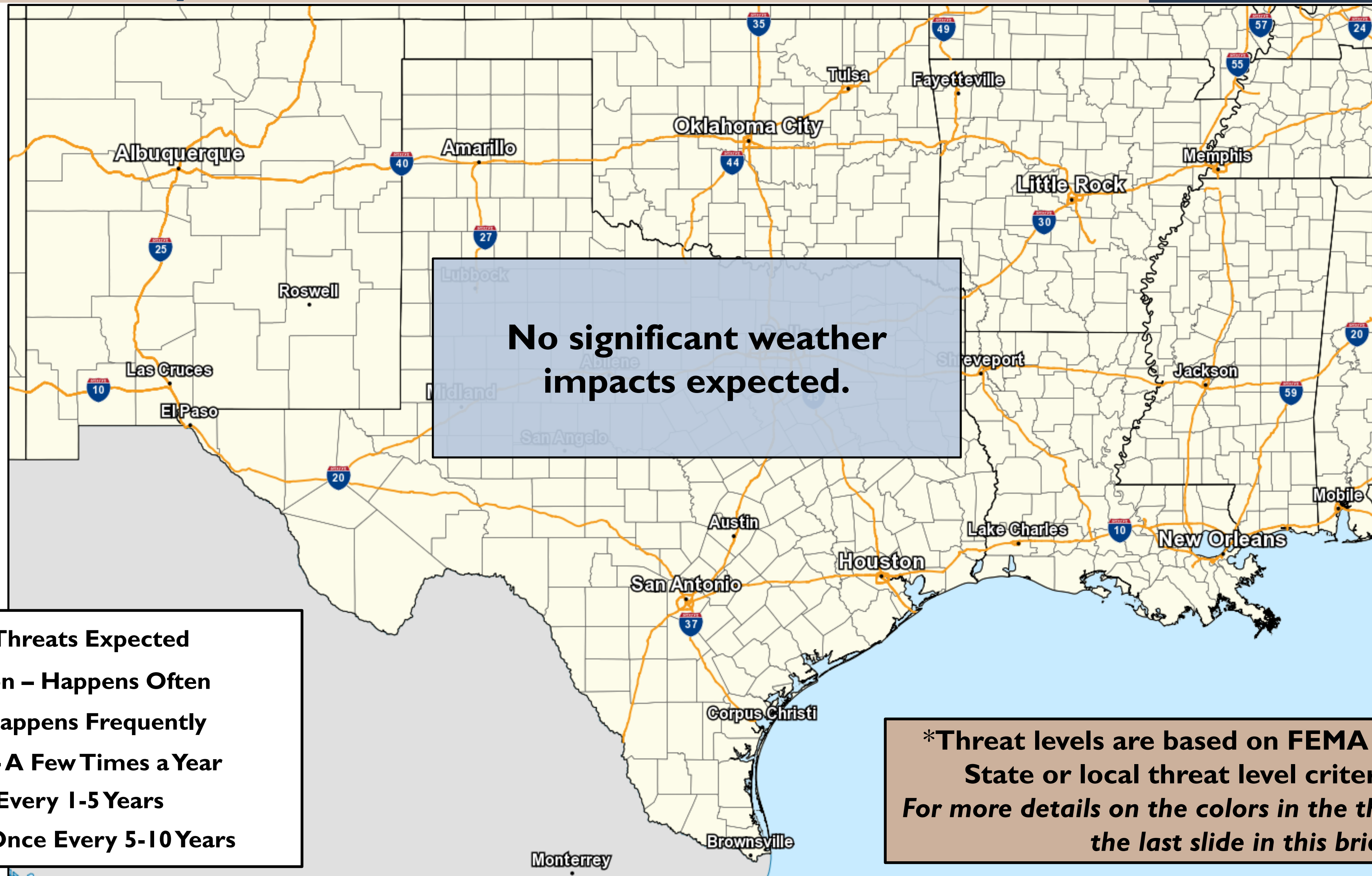
Excessive Rainfall Outlook

Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Friday – Saturday



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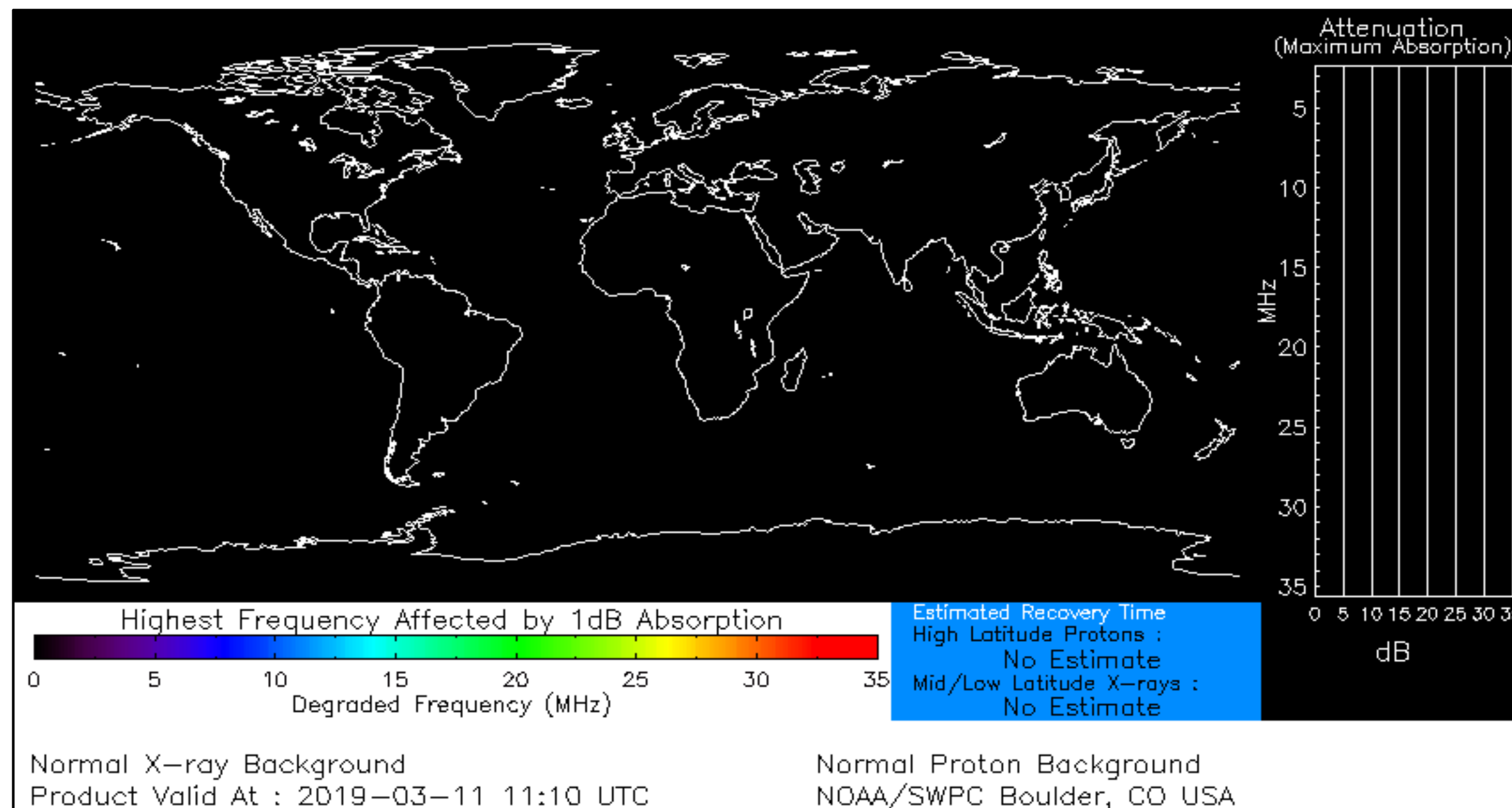


Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Geomagnetic Storms	Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp = 5)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 3 to 4)	Unsettled to Active (Max Kp = 3 to 4)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



[Click here for a Description of the Space Weather Storm Scales](#)

[Click here for the Latest 3-Day Space Weather Forecast Text](#)





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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to

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